

INTERCHURCH DRIVE IN NATION BEGINS

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Campaign Is to Cure Ills of
Civilization Through In-
fluence of Religion.

Starting with the basic thought that religion—an expansion of the influence of the church—is the only reliable cure for the present ills of civilization, and for Bolshevism especially, the Interchurch World Movement begins to-day its gigantic task of raising in eight days \$336,777,572 to finance its ethical projects.

In this city alone \$20,000,000 must be raised by the terms of the campaign. In the whole country there will be 5,000,000 canvassers at work in the interest of the thirty denominations that have joined in the campaign.

These thirty denominations, with 15,000,000 members, representing three-fifths of the Protestant church membership of America, expect not only to raise with ease the tremendous sum needed but to demonstrate the solidarity of the church and the real interest of the citizens of the United States in a programme of patriotic foresight. The purposes for which the money is to be spent may be summarized thus: Foreign missions, \$107,661,488; home missions, \$109,949,027; American education, \$78,937,431; religious education, \$8,931,925; hospitals and homes, \$5,116,462; ministerial relief and pensions, \$20,510,295.

Under foreign missions are included projects for health education and for the establishment and maintenance of schools and colleges. There are medical missions also for combining health with the teaching of the principles of Christianity. In the home mission field

are projects for work among aliens and negroes, rural missions and the development of denominational colleges. A third especially important project is the ministerial relief and pension fund to be established.

In the single campaign are combined 152 separate appeals, including that of the Northern Baptist Convention for \$120,533,000, the Congregational Church for \$16,508,470, the Disciples of Christ for \$12,501,128, the Methodist Episcopal Church for \$34,485,737, the Presbyterian Church for \$44,970,000 and the Society of Friends for \$4,532,081.

The associate chairmen of the advisory committee directing the whole great campaign are John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Charles E. Hughes and Alfred E. Martineau. Other members are William H. Van Benschoten, Cornelius N. Bliss, A. U. Chaney, Mrs. James C. Colgate, Mrs. James S. Cushman, Sheriff David H. Knott, William G. McArdoo, Arlando Marins, William Fellowes Morgan, Ebon H. Olcott, James H. Post, Mrs. Willard Straight, Lucien T. Warner and Col. Arthur Woods.

Business men and the solid citizenship of the country are strongly back of the campaign, as a recent questionnaire sent out by the Interchurch headquarters revealed. Replies were received from Charles M. Schwab, E. H. Gary, William G. McArdoo, A. Mitchell Palmer, Frank A. Vanderlip, William Jennings Bryan, the presidents of Yale, Harvard, Princeton and of many more universities, revealing that the political, business and educational leaders of the country are turning to religion as the best defence against Bolshevism.

Charles M. Schwab wrote: "In a strong religious sentiment lies the firmest foundation for the preservation of our civilization." This opinion is shared by Judge Gary, who believes that "a genuine religious campaign is of the highest importance in combating the Bolshevist spirit." Frank A. Vanderlip prefers the phrase "spiritual revival" to "religious revival," for he feels that "it is not so much a matter of people accepting the tenets of denominational churches as it is the genuine fundamental spiritual awakening that we need."

Others replied similarly, one writer saying, "we have too much churchanity and too little Christianity." President H. B. Hibben of Princeton wrote: "The spirit of Christianity alone can cope successfully with those influences steadily growing in our country which tend to destroy our great institutions," and Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell suggests that the greatest need is to get back to the Golden Rule.



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